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Letter dated 1 July 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter addressed to you by Mr. Osman Ertuğ, representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 45, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tahsin BURCUOĞLU
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ANNEX

Letter dated 1 July 1993 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your kind attention the following recent instances of Greek Cypriot embargo imposed on the Turkish Cypriot people:

(1) A letter, with an attached note, was sent to a company based in England (EMEL (UK) Ltd.,) on 10 March 1993 by the Commercial Attaché of the Greek Cypriot "High Commission" in London, to the effect that it was illegal to trade with Northern Cyprus and that the said company should rather engage in business with the "legitimate part of Cyprus", meaning the South.

(2) A Russian sea captain, Mr. George Alexiyevich, was arrested and fined 1,000 Cyprus pounds by a Greek Cypriot court in Limassol on 21 June 1993, on the grounds that his vessel (Normandia) had called at Famagusta port in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus on previous occasions.

(3) On 26 June 1993, two Greek Cypriots named Evgenio Adamu Zenyu and Lazaros Parasgevas, respectively, were arrested by the Greek Cypriot police for buying 70 kilos of fish from Turkish Cypriots. These Greek Cypriots are being prosecuted for allegedly engaging in illegal trade.

It is ironic that these ill-intentioned activities, of the Greek Cypriot side, which are but the most recent examples of the ongoing Greek Cypriot embargo, come at a time when efforts are being made under Your Excellency's auspices in order to find ways of establishing confidence between the two peoples of Cyprus. I need hardly stress that such harmful policies and practices only serve to deepen the existing mistrust between the two peoples of the island and confirm our misgivings regarding the willingness or even the ability of the Greek Cypriots to coexist with us, side by side, in the context of a negotiated settlement.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 45, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative of the
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus